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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.115 , applicants preliminarily amend the enclosed Continuation Application filed herewith under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of prior pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/713,589 filed November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000, as follows.

In the claims:

Retain original claims 1-3 respectively; and

Cancel original claims 4-29 respectively, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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